GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF PLASTIC GOODS FROM NEPAL
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of the plastic goods from Nepal has been continuously increasing;

(b) if so, the value of plastic goods imported from Nepal during each of the last three years;

(c) whether more than 30 plastic processing units of the country have been closed down due to mass import of plastic goods from Nepal;

(d) if so the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to save the domestic plastic industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : The value of plastic goods imported from Nepal during the last three years, given below, shows an increasing trend in imports :-

Year	Value of import in Indian rupees crores
1999-2000	32.53
2000-2001	40.82
2001-2002	64.43

(c) & (d): Representations have been received in Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Deptt. of Commerce, alleging thatduty free imports of plastic goods from Nepal under the India-Nepal Treaty of Trade have adversely affected the domestic industry. However, authentic information about the closure of some of the plastic processing units in India due to this factor is not available in the Ministry.

(e) : The relevant provisions in the India-Nepal Treaty of Trade have been modified on 2nd March, 2002, to provide protection to the domestic industry, including the plastic industry in India. In the event of imports under the Treaty, in such a manner or in such quantities as to cause or threaten to cause injury to the domestic industry or a significant segment of it relating to the article, the importing country may request for consultations in the Joint Committee set up by the two Governments for this purpose with a view to taking appropriate measures. If the consultations in the Joint Committee fail to resolve the issue within a period of sixty days from the date of such request, then the requesting Government shall be free to take appropriate remedial measures.